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- 11. (SBU) In response to reftel request, Pol Off met with registered broker Hamdy el-Seroury at the offices of Best Engineering. El-Seroury confirmed that he was authorized by the Egyptian Ministry of Defense to conduct brokering activities in Egypt. The firm provides consulting services only for sensitive items, so the firm does not physically handle or store any items on the United States Munitions List (USML) on behalf of its clients. The company was established 11 years ago. El-Seroury is the only principal officer, but he employs four other retired military officers. The firm's only customer is the Egyptian military. El-Seroury confirmed that he was familiar with restrictions on USML items, including the unauthorized re-transfer and re-export of items.
- 12. (SBU) El-Seroury's firm focuses on providing constancy services with the Egyptian military on a variety of electronic equipment, command and control systems, radios, navigation systems, and electronic warfare. Some of his projects included consultant services for the Egyptian Army's Beechraft aircraft upgrade program, radar systems for Air Defense with Lockheed Martin, and F-16 simulator for the Air Force, and communication suites and electronic warfare systems for the Navy. Tueller